Year of DPC meeting	Names of candidates selected	Date of joining as Deputy Commissioners
1985-87	Shri S.L. Khanna	28-8-1985
	Shri V.V. Srikantaiah	3-10-1985
1987-88	Shri Puran Chand	29-1-1988

Selection of PGT (History) in Kendraya Vidyalaya Moscow

22. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1997 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the candidates who had appeared for the post of PGT (History) in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow in November, 1987 has been now offered posting in that Kendriya Vidyalaya; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the finalisation of the proceedings of the Selection Committee, the post of PGT(History) in Kndriya Vidyalaya, Moscow has been offered to the selected candidate.

India's skill to repair ships

23. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's shipyards have gained enough technological skill for repair of ships, building of ships, trawlers and other equipments for off-shore drilling of oil;

(b) if so, what is the amount of foreign exchange which the country has saved under each of these items for which we had to depend on foreign help;

(c) which are the areas where deficiencies still exist; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to overcome those deficiencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Indian shipyards possess technological skills for repair of ships and for the building of trawlers, and most varieties of ships and structures required for off-shore drilling.

(b) It is not possible to estimate with precision the saving in foreign exchange.

(c) The deficiency exists mainly in the following areas:—

(i) Limited shipbuilding and shiprepair capacity available in the country.

(ii) Ships built in Indian yards generally cost more and have longer delivery time when compared to the leading shipyards abroad.

(iii) Weak financial conditions of the major shipyards.

(iv) Dependence on foreign inputs such as marine engines, instrumentation, etc.

(v) Low productivity in Indian yards.

(d) The steps that have been taken are:—

(i) Augmentation and modernisation of existing shiprepair facilities in India.

(ii) Establishing new ship repair facilities at some major ports.

(iii) Introduction of modern production technology such as pre-outfitting modular construction etc. by the shipyards.

(iv) Introduction of computers in Shipbuilding.

(v) Modernisation of shipyards facility.

(vi) More effective production planning and control system.

(vii) Improving quality control system.

(viii) Improvements in financial condition of the yards.

Express stoppage at Jaleswar and Basta on Kharagpur Division

24. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are persistent demands from the commuters at Jaleswar and Basta railway stations in Kharagpur Division of South-Eastern Railway for a halt of 77 and 78 Utkal Express at Jaleswar and 9 Up Shri Jagannath Express and 46 Down East Coast Express at Basta; and

(b) if so, the decision taken to provide halts at the said stations for the convenience of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Stoppage of 9 Up Shri Jagannath Express and 46 Dn East Coast Express at Basta has been provided from 1-11-1988. Stoppage of 77/78 Kalinga-Utkal Express at Jalaeswar has presently not been found feasible.

Seizure of fishing trawlers

25. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether fishing trawlers were seized by the Visakhapatnam and Paradip Port Trusts during June and July, 1988 for non-lapment of dues etc.;

(b) if so, what are the particulars of the companies whose fishing trawlers were seized by the above Port Trusts; and

(c) what is the action Government propose to take considering economic difficulties of fishing units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Paradip Port Trust has not seized any fishing trawler during the months of June and July, 1988. However, two fishing trawlers belonging to M/s Island Seaking Trawlers and M/s. Spor Island Marine Products were detained by Visakhapatnam Port Trust during June and July, 1988 for non-payment of port charges accruing from June, 1987.

(c) The detention of the trawlers was made by Visakhapatnam Port Trust under the statutory provisions ofthe Major Port Trusts Act. 1963. Government can not interfere in such matters.

Making use of films by National Literacy Mission

26. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Literacy Mission intends to make use of films to motivate greater participation of rural masses in its programmes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) envisages regular programmes on radio and Television for information, motivation and active involvement of the adult illiterates. The focus of NLM is on rural areas, particularly women and persons belonging to SC/ST. Training, motivational promotional and instructional films are required to be produced. The preparation of software